



1 Void Claims 38 - 51 and substitute the following:

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3 What is claimed is:

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5 52 (New). A balloon display comprised of:

6 A. at least one framework for supporting balloons wherein each said at  
7 least one framework is comprised of material that includes a plurality of  
8 apertures and;

9 B. at least one first set of inflatable chambers wherein:

10 (1) said at least one first set is comprised of at least one inflatable  
11 chamber and;

12 (2) at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one first set of  
13 inflatable chambers is at least partially inflated and;

14 (3) at least a portion of at least one inflatable chamber of said at  
15 least one first set of inflatable chambers is circumscribed by at  
16 least one first aperture of said at least one framework and;

17 C. at least one second set of inflatable chambers wherein:

18 (1) said at least one second set is comprised of at least one  
19 inflatable chamber and;

20 (2) at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one second set of  
21 inflatable chambers is at least partially inflated and;

22 (3) at least a portion of at least one inflatable chamber of said at  
23 least one second set of inflatable chambers is circumscribed by  
24 at least one second aperture of said least one framework

25 wherein said at least one first set of inflatable chambers and said at least one  
26 second set of inflatable chambers are held in their respective positions by  
27 positioning means that include one or more positioning means selected from  
28 the group consisting of:

29 a. at least one connector member

- 1           1. is joined by fastening means to at least one said set of  
2           inflatable chambers and  
3           2. is joined by fastening means to at least one portion of said  
4           at least one framework;
- 5           b. at least one connector member
  - 6           1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one first set of  
7           inflatable chambers and  
8           2. is joined by fastening means to said at least one second  
9           set of inflatable chambers;
- 10          c. at least one connector member
  - 11         1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one first set of  
12         inflatable chambers and  
13         2. is joined by fastening means to said at least one second  
14         and adjacent set of inflatable chambers and  
15         3. passes through a hole in the portion of framing material  
16         between said adjacent sets of inflatable chambers;
- 17          d. at least one connector member
  - 18         1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one set of  
19         inflatable chambers by at least one first connection point and  
20         2. extends around at least one portion of said at least one  
21         framework and  
22         3. is joined by fastening means to the same said set of  
23         inflatable chambers by at least one second connection point;
- 24          e. at least one connector member
  - 25         1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one set of  
26         inflatable chambers by at least one first connection point and  
27         2. extends through a hole in at least one portion of said at  
28         least one framework that circumscribes said portion of at least  
29         one inflatable chamber and

- 1                   3. is joined by fastening means to the same said at least one
- 2                   set of inflatable chambers by at least one second connection
- 3                   point;
- 4                   f. spray adhesive
  - 5                   1. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one set
  - 6                   of inflatable chambers and
  - 7                   2. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one
  - 8                   framework ;
- 9                   g. adhesive other than spray adhesive
  - 10                  1. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one set
  - 11                  of inflatable chambers and
  - 12                  2. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one
  - 13                  framework;
- 14                  h. at least one area of contact
  - 15                  1. is rough in texture and/or
  - 16                  2. is rough in form between
  - 17                  said at least one set of inflatable chambers and said at least one
  - 18                  framework;
- 19                  i. at least one area of contact  
is defined within multiple planes between said at least one set of
- 20                  inflatable chambers and said at least one framework;
- 21                  j. elastic matter
  - 22                  1. is part of said at least one framework and
  - 23                  2. causes pressure to be applied to said at least a portion of
  - 24                  said at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one set
  - 25                  of inflatable chambers.

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28 53 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 52, further comprising at least  
29 one set of inflatable chambers being held in its respective position by  
30 positioning means that additionally include the pneumatic pressure of at least

1       one inflatable chamber of said at least one set of inflatable chambers  
2       expanding outward against a circumscribing portion of said at least one  
3       framework .

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5 54 (New).   The balloon display as recited in claim 52, further comprising at least  
6       one break or gap in the material defining said hole used for the passage of  
7       said connector member; said break or gap being sufficient for said connector  
8       member to be inserted into said hole through said break or gap.

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10 55 (New).   The balloon display as recited in claim 54, further comprising said  
11      break or gap being configured such that said break or gap is resistant to said  
12      connector member exiting said hole through said break or gap.

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14 56 (New).   The balloon display as recited in claim 52, further comprising  
15      said at least one connector member being at least one neck, stem, tab,  
16      protrusion or other extension of the material forming said set of inflatable  
17      chambers.

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19 57 (New).   A balloon display comprised of:  
20      A.   At least one framework for supporting balloons wherein  
21           (1)   each said at least one framework is comprised of material that  
22              includes a plurality of apertures and;  
23           (2)   at least one of said plurality of apertures is formed of framing  
24              elements that are joined with interlocking tabs; and  
25      B.   at least one first set of inflatable chambers wherein:  
26           (1)   said at least one first set is comprised of at least one inflatable  
27              chamber and;  
28           (2)   at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one first set of  
29              inflatable chambers is at least partially inflated and;

- (3) at least a portion of at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one first set of inflatable chambers is circumscribed by at least one first aperture of said least one framework and;

C. at least one second set of inflatable chambers wherein:

  - (1) said at least one second set is comprised of at least one inflatable chamber and;
  - (2) at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one second set of inflatable chambers is at least partially inflated and;
  - (3) at least a portion of at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one second set of inflatable chambers is circumscribed by at least one second aperture of said least one framework

wherein said at least one first set of inflatable chambers and said at least one second set of inflatable chambers are held in their respective positions by positioning means that include one or more positioning means selected from the group consisting of:

  - a. at least one connector member
    1. is joined by fastening means to at least one said set of inflatable chambers and
    2. is joined by fastening means to at least one portion of said at least one framework;
  - b. at least one connector member
    1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one first set of inflatable chambers and
    2. is joined by fastening means to said at least one second set of inflatable chambers;
  - c. at least one connector member
    1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one first set of inflatable chambers and
    2. is joined by fastening means to said at least one second and adjacent set of inflatable chambers and

- 1                   3. passes through a hole in the portion of framing material
- 2                   between said adjacent sets of inflatable chambers;
- 3                   d. at least one connector member
  - 4                   1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one set of
  - 5                   inflatable chambers by at least one first connection point and
  - 6                   2. extends around at least one portion of said at least one
  - 7                   framework and
  - 8                   3. is joined by fastening means to the same said set of
  - 9                   inflatable chambers by at least one second connection point;
- 10                  e. at least one connector member
  - 11                 1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one set of
  - 12                 inflatable chambers by at least one first connection point and
  - 13                 2. extends through a hole in at least one portion of said at
  - 14                 least one framework that circumscribes said portion of at least
  - 15                 one inflatable chamber and
  - 16                 3. is joined by fastening means to the same said at least one
  - 17                 set of inflatable chambers by at least one second connection
  - 18                 point;
- 19                  f. spray adhesive
  - 20                 1. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one set
  - 21                 of inflatable chambers and
  - 22                 2. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one
  - 23                 framework ;
- 24                  g. adhesive other than spray adhesive
  - 25                 1. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one set
  - 26                 of inflatable chambers and
  - 27                 2. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one
  - 28                 framework;
- 29                  h. at least one area of contact
  - 30                 1. is rough in texture and/or

- 1                   2. is rough in form between said at least one set of inflatable
- 2                   chambers and said at least one framework;
- 3                   i. at least one area of contact is defined within multiple planes
- 4                   between said at least one set of inflatable chambers and said at
- 5                   least one framework;
- 6                   j. elastic matter
- 7                   1. is part of said at least one framework and
- 8                   2. causes pressure to be applied to said at least a portion of
- 9                   said at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one set of
- 10                  inflatable chambers.

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12 58 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 57, further comprising at least  
13       one set of inflatable chambers being held in its respective position by  
14       positioning means that additionally include the pneumatic pressure of at least  
15       one inflatable chamber of said at least one set of inflatable chambers  
16       expanding outward against a circumscribing portion of said at least one  
17       framework .

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19 59 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 57, further comprising  
20       A. at least two said interlocking tabs with at least three exposed edges  
21       comprising

- 22           1. at least one end edge and
- 23           2. at least two side edges and
- 24           3. at least three notches in a series along said side edges  
25           including at least one notch that is preceded and followed by a  
26           notch that is on an opposing side edge;

27       B. at least one of said at least two said interlocking tabs being attached to  
28           at least one first framing element and

29       C. at least one of said at least two said interlocking tabs being attached to  
30           at least one second framing element and

1           D.     said interlocking tab attached to said at least one first framing element  
2               being wrapped around said interlocking tab attached to said at least  
3               one second framing element such that notches of wrapped tabs fit  
4               together.

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6   60 (New).   The balloon display as recited in claim 57, further comprising at least  
7       two said interlocking tabs including

- 8           A.     at least one first said interlocking tab attached to at least one first  
9               framing element and having within its borders an aperture; and  
10          B.     at least one second said interlocking tab attached to at least one  
11               second framing element and having a bulbous end or protrusion;  
12          C.     said bulbous end being passed through said aperture; and  
13          D.     said bulbous end being configured and positioned such that said  
14               bulbous end is resistant to passing back through said aperture.

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16   61 (New).   The balloon display as recited in claim 57, further comprising at least  
17       one break or gap in the material defining said hole used for the passage of  
18       said connector member; said break or gap being sufficient for said connector  
19       member to be inserted into said hole through said break or gap.

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21   62 (New).   The balloon display as recited in claim 61, further comprising said  
22       break or gap being configured such that said break or gap is resistant to said  
23       connector member exiting said hole through said break or gap.

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25   63 (New).   The balloon display as recited in claim 57, further comprising said at  
26       least one connector member being at least one neck, stem, tab, protrusion or  
27       other extension of the material forming said set of inflatable chambers.

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29   64 (New).   A balloon display comprising:

- A. a plurality of frameworks for supporting balloons wherein at least two frameworks of said plurality of frameworks is comprised of material that includes a plurality of apertures and;
  - B. at least one first set of inflatable chambers wherein:
    - (1) said at least one first set is comprised of at least one inflatable chamber and;
    - (2) at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one first set of inflatable chambers is at least partially inflated and;
    - (3) at least a portion of at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one first set of inflatable chambers is circumscribed by at least one first aperture of said at least two frameworks and;
  - C. at least one second set of inflatable chambers wherein:
    - (1) said at least one second set is comprised of at least one inflatable chamber and;
    - (2) at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one second set of inflatable chambers is at least partially inflated and;
    - (3) at least a portion of at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one second set of inflatable chambers is circumscribed by at least one second aperture of said at least two frameworks;  
wherein said at least one first set of inflatable chambers and said at least one second set of inflatable chambers are held in their respective positions by positioning means that include one or more positioning means selected from the group consisting of:
      - a. at least one connector member
        - 1. is joined by fastening means to at least one said set of inflatable chambers and
        - 2. is joined by fastening means to at least one portion of said at least two frameworks;
      - b. at least one connector member

- 1           1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one first set of  
2           inflatable chambers and
- 3           2. is joined by fastening means to said at least one second  
4           set of inflatable chambers;
- 5           c. at least one connector member
  - 6           1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one first set of  
7           inflatable chambers and
  - 8           2. is joined by fastening means to said at least one second  
9           and adjacent set of inflatable chambers and
  - 10          3. passes through a hole in the portion of framing material  
11          between said adjacent sets of inflatable chambers;
- 12          d. at least one connector member
  - 13          1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one set of  
14          inflatable chambers by at least one first connection point and
  - 15          2. extends around at least one portion of said at least two  
16          frameworks and
  - 17          3. is joined by fastening means to the same said set of  
18          inflatable chambers by at least one second connection point;
- 19          e. at least one connector member
  - 20          1. is joined by fastening means to said at least one set of  
21          inflatable chambers by at least one first connection point and
  - 22          2. extends through a hole in at least one portion of said at  
23          least two frameworks that circumscribes said portion of at least  
24          one inflatable chamber and
  - 25          3. is joined by fastening means to the same said at least one  
26          set of inflatable chambers by at least one second connection  
27          point;
- 28          f. spray adhesive
  - 29          1. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one set  
30          of inflatable chambers and

- 1                   2. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least two  
2                   frameworks ;  
3                   g. adhesive other than spray adhesive  
4                   1. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least one set  
5                   of inflatable chambers and  
6                   2. is in contact with at least one portion of said at least two  
7                   frameworks;  
8                   h. at least one area of contact  
9                   1. is rough in texture and/or  
10                  2. is rough in form between  
11                  said at least one set of inflatable chambers and said at least two  
12                  frameworks;  
13                  i. at least one area of contact  
14                  is defined within multiple planes between said at least one set of  
15                  inflatable chambers and said at least two frameworks;  
16                  j. elastic matter  
17                  1. is part of said at least two frameworks and  
18                  2. causes pressure to be applied to said at least a portion of  
19                  said at least one inflatable chamber of said at least one set  
20                  of inflatable chambers;
- 21                  D. wherein said at least two frameworks are connected with connection  
22                  means that include one or more connection means selected from the  
23                  group consisting of:
  - 24                   1. a first framework of said at least two frameworks and a second  
25                   framework of said at least two frameworks are joined by  
26                   fastening means to a common said set of inflatable chambers;
  - 27                   2. a first framework of said at least two frameworks is joined by  
28                   fastening means to a first said set of inflatable chambers and a  
29                   second framework of said at least two frameworks is joined by  
30                   fastening means to a second said set of inflatable chambers

1                   and said first said set of inflatable chambers and said second  
2                   said set of inflatable chambers are joined by fastening means;  
3                   3. at least one neck, stem, tab, protrusion or other portion of said  
4                   at least one set of inflatable chambers is connected by fastening  
5                   means to said at least two frameworks;  
6                   4. at least one tab extension of a first framework of said at least  
7                   two frameworks connects by fastening means to a second  
8                   framework of said at least two frameworks;  
9                   5. at least one tab extension of a first framework of said at least  
10                  two frameworks connects by fastening means to at least one tab  
11                  extension of a second framework of said at least two  
12                  frameworks.

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15 65 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 64, further comprising

- 16                  A. at least two said tab extensions with at least three exposed edges  
17                  comprising  
18                  1. at least one end edge and at least two side edges and  
19                  2. at least three notches in a series along said side edges including at  
20                  least one notch that is preceded and followed by a notch that is on  
21                  an opposing side edge  
22                  B. at least one of said at least two said tab extensions being attached to  
23                  at least one first framework and  
24                  C. at least one of said at least two said tab extensions being attached to  
25                  at least one second framework and  
26                  D. said tab extension attached to said at least one first framework being  
27                  wrapped around said tab extension attached to said at least one  
28                  second framework such that notches of wrapped tabs fit together.

- 1 66 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 64, further comprising a set of  
2 at least two interlocking tab extensions wherein  
3 A. a first said tab extension is attached to at least one first framework and  
4 has within its borders an aperture; and  
5 B. a second said tab extension is attached to at least one second  
6 framework and has a bulbous end or protrusion; and  
7 C. said bulbous end being passed through said aperture; and  
8 D. said bulbous end being configured and positioned such that said  
9 bulbous end is resistant to passing back through said aperture.
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- 11 67 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 64, further comprising  
12 interlocking straps said straps incorporating matched sets of notches and/or  
13 slits that may be nested to hold one strap to another at predetermined  
14 intervals.
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- 16 68 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 64, further comprising a portion  
17 of at least one said set of inflatable chambers that wraps around overlapping  
18 portions of said at least two frameworks.
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- 20 69 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 64, further comprising at least  
21 one set of inflatable chambers being held in its respective position by  
22 positioning means that additionally include the pneumatic pressure of at least  
23 one inflatable chamber of said at least one set of inflatable chambers  
24 expanding outward against a circumscribing portion of said at least two  
25 frameworks.
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- 27 70 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 64, further comprising at least  
28 one break or gap in the material defining said hole used for the passage of  
29 said connector member; said break or gap being sufficient for said connector  
30 member to be inserted into said hole through said break or gap.

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3 71 (New). The balloon display as recited in claim 64, further comprising said at  
4 least one connector member being at least one neck, stem, tab, protrusion or  
5 other extension of the material forming said set of inflatable chambers.